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The Ontario Early Years Centre City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County handed out wintertime craft bags outside the Haliburton library branch March 9, offering families a variety of fun activities for free. The centre paused its in-person programming during the lockdown but is starting it back up in April. Marie Gage and Charlotte Gage pick up a craft bag March 9. Photo by Joseph Quigley

\$3.25M to keep seniors at home longer

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The province is providing Haliburton County \$3.25 million to expand its community paramedicine for long-term care program.

The funding announced March 9 will be used to expand the program, which has paramedics use their expertise to do regular,

non-emergency home visits to provide care and reduce emergency hospital trips. The province said the funding initiative, which began October 20 in five other communities, will help seniors on long-term care waitlists stay home longer.

Warden Liz Danielssen spoke positively about the news at a March 10 committee of the whole meeting.

"I look forward to seeing how this will roll out," Danielssen said. "It's a fabulous project and I know it's a lot of work for you [County paramedic services chief] Tim [Waite], but I think it will be worthwhile in the end."

Waite told council the dollars will be over three years, but logistics need to be worked out and a formal report will come

to the March 24 meeting. However, he reported Jan. 24 that the funding could see upwards of four additional community paramedics hired for full-time, three-year contracts, entirely funded by the provincial government.

"This new funding will help keep our loved ones at home longer and avoid

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MPP Laurie Scott (centre) stands with Haliburton paramedics Carla Hill (left) and deputy chief Jo-Ann Hendry. The province announced \$3.25 million for the community paramedicine program March 9. Photo submitted.

Will prevent unnecessary trips to ER

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unnecessary trips to the hospital," Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said. "Thanks to our Haliburton County Paramedic Service, this program will help even more seniors and has the potential to delay the need for long-term care."

The initiative comes in response to increasing demand for long-term care. The province has said it is implementing the paramedicine expansion program in phases, with Haliburton County included in the

second part. Waite said the government is focusing on municipalities that already have community paramedicine with this intake.

"Expanding the program across the province means that more of our loved ones can access services from their own homes, potentially even delaying the need for long-term care," Minister of Long-Term Care Merrilee Fullerton said.

Waite said Jan. 24 it is not certain whether the province would continue the funding after three years, but added

individuals hired could be laid off at the end of the contract if needed.

County committee of the whole did not make a formal resolution March 10 but agreed to let the CAO and warden sign a transfer payment agreement to get the funding rolling.

Deputy warden Patrick Kennedy congratulated Waite for the local program's success.

"Great program. You've really helped it mature and become a provincial leader," he said.



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Dysart et al is planning major changes to waste management and landfill hours. *File.*

Dysart overhauling landfills

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al council is planning to make significant changes to waste management services, including reducing hours, a three-bag household limit and more restrictions for construction and industrial waste.

Staff proposed changes to committee of the whole March 9. It came in response to a series of reports, including a service delivery review, recommending the municipality alter how it runs its landfills.

The changes include reducing hours at the Kennisis Lake, Harcourt and West Bay landfills. The municipality will also change its weekly residential waste limit from one cubic tonne to three clear bags.

"Gone are the days we go to the dump whenever you want," Roberts said. "People will adjust to whatever the changes are. I think we have to be fair to the whole township ... Everything we are doing in this sector is costing more and more year after year."

The changes are proposed to take effect May 1. Kennisis Lake will lose Saturday openings in the winter. Harcourt will lose its Thursday winter hours and in the summer shift to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and holiday Mondays. West Bay will now be closed on Tuesdays and have its summer hours shifted to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and 12-6 p.m. on holiday Monday. West Guilford will open for two additional hours on Sundays in the summer. Staff justified the changes based on traffic counts and expect to save more than \$17,000 annually.

Council also agreed to stop the collection of asbestos-containing materials, contaminated soil, large demolition projects. It is also upping its construction and demolition waste fees from \$50 per cubic

yard to \$60 and from \$100 per cubic yard to \$120 if it contains garbage or recycling.

Landfills will also not accept five or more cubic yards of garbage from industrial, commercial, or institutional generators and will not accept compacted garbage.

Environmental manager, John Watson, said many recommendations have come forward from complementary reports well-researched by consultants.

"Dysart is not necessarily leading the pack," Watson said. "In some instances, we would be catching up to those practices in neighbouring communities."

However, council refused several of the changes, including upping fees from \$2 to \$5 for several household waste violations, such as containing 10 per cent visible recycling.

Council did not come to a decision on yard waste, currently accepted for free. Staff proposed a \$5 fee for bags and \$10 per cubic yard of loose material. They directed staff to bring a follow-up report with more information.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said he was concerned about increased confrontation and slowdowns by upping fees. He added that people could dump yard waste on the roadside.

"This looks like minimum revenue, maximum aggravation for our taxpayers," Kennedy said.

Council also considered a proposal to open the Haliburton landfill up from five to seven days per week due to high traffic counts but balked at the \$52,226 annual price tag for staffing that.

"It's a lot of money," Roberts said. "We have a lot of opportunity for people to get to the landfill."

The slate of changes will be forwarded to council for discussion and final approval. Its next meeting is March 23.

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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

South Wilberforce bridge on the way

Highlands East residents could have a new South Wilberforce bridge by the end of November or early December if all goes according to plan.

Council gave the go-ahead at its March 9 meeting to a new two-lane structure to replace the 95-year-old failing single-lane bridge.

Brad Kalus, vice president of Planmac Engineering Inc., made a presentation to the regular council meeting.

He noted the existing bridge was built in 1926 and is now showing its age.

The OSIM inspection revealed a number of deficiencies and Kalus added that based on the bridge condition assessment, "it is in an advanced state of deterioration."

His firm's recommendation was to replace the existing bridge with a new two-lane structure.

"Replacing the bridge will address all structural deficiencies. The new bridge will provide a functional service life of 75 years or more. Increasing the bridge capacity to accommodate two lanes will improve sight lines and stopping distance constraints," his written report stated.

Planmac further suggested a steel girder bridge set on cast-in-place abutments, similar in design to the Dillman Bridge further east on South Wilberforce Road "which has performed well for Highlands East."

Construction costs are estimated at \$1.729 million including contingency. The provincial and federal governments have already committed to funding \$1.312 million of that.

Kalus suggested tendering the project in April, doing environmental assessment work in May and construction between June 1 and Nov. 30. The work would necessitate a temporary road closure with traffic detoured on Loop Road and South Wilberforce Road.

Kalus said next steps are: to respond to First Nations comments and provide a copy of the background reports and engineering drawings; advise the MNRF of the bridge replacement design; arrange a virtual public information meeting to advise the public of the recommended bridge replacement design; finalize the engineering design and tender document and release the tender.

Mayor Dave Burton asked why they would require 14 piles going into bedrock. Kalus said it is due to the loose, soft nature of the soil discovered in the geotechnical assessment.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said, "I'm glad to hear this project is going forward and a two-lane bridge, rather than a one-lane bridge, to me, makes all the sense in the world."

He asked if it would be similar to



Council met March 9. Pictured is Mayor Dave Burton. File.

the Maxwell Corner bridge over the Irondale River, and Burton said he believed it was.

Ryall said that bridge was done in a timely fashion, has been very functional and people find it aesthetically-pleasing.

"This is an awesome project," he said.

Firefighters getting COVID vaccines

Acting fire chief, Chris Baughman, said some of his volunteer firefighters received COVID-19 vaccinations on March 6.

He added the remainder had signed consent forms "so that puts us in the queue for next available."

Baughman said firefighters, because they are first-line medical responders, are lumped into phase one.

"Rather than let them expire, they decided to offer them equally to the four fire departments in the area so we were able to squeeze 12 in there on Saturday," Baughman said. He said the next doses are dependent on supply but it was a "positive start."

Cardiff pool costs blow out

Property supervisor, Jim Alden, said that due to unforeseen increases in costs for building materials, Royalty General Construction had submitted an increase for the Cardiff Pool change room replacement. He said the original quote of \$130,788 plus HST that was approved by council Nov. 10, 2020 had been increased by an additional \$5,071 plus HST.

Further, Alden provided a verbal report that during a March 4 site visit,



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the contractors indicated they needed to do additional slab work and were seeking an extra \$32,000.

CAO Shannon Hunter said as it was a change of scope for the project and, "it would be prudent for us to retender the entire thing because it's such a large addition, and we should do it immediately."

However, Hunter said they should talk to the contractor first before making a final decision.

Council received the report for information only.

Burton president of roads association

Highlands East Mayor and County Councillor, Dave Burton is the new president of the board of the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA).

In a recent media release, OGRA said "We look forward to Dave Burton's leadership as the new president of the OGRA board."

Scott Butler, OGRA's executive director, added "The board will be a valuable strategic resource as we look for ways to help municipalities understand the opportunities available to them after the pandemic."

Also on the board as a director is Travis Wilson, director of public works for the Township of Minden Hills.

OGRA was founded in 1894. Based out of Oakville, it is governed by 15 board members with 17 staff supporting its membership. The mandate is to advance the infrastructure and transportation interests of its members through training, advocacy and services. For more information visit ogra.org. (*Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)

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Dorset tower staying shut after property opens

By Lisa Gervais

The Dorset Tower property will reopen for the season May 17, but the tower structure itself will remain off-limits, council decided at its March 4 meeting.

The only thing they didn't decide is how much of a fee reduction they will offer visitors for the loss of the popular Dorset climb and vantage point.

Manager of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card, said that during emergency operations control group (EOCG) discussions Feb. 17, it was decided the tower structure should remain closed because of difficulties in ensuring proper disinfection, social distancing, and the staffing required. However, people could still access peek-a-boo rock, other ground-based lookouts and the gift shop, he said.

With that in mind, he said the EOCG was recommending a discounted rate of 25 per cent in fees for visiting the attraction.

"The 25 per cent reduction would reflect the loss of one of the four attractions available while ensuring revenue to offset the operating costs of the location, which will not decrease," Card said in a written report.

He emphasized that costs at the tower will remain the same despite the discount.

"This would allow us to get some people through the gate where last year we still had costs associated with managing some of the traffic around the tower in the form of OPP traffic control etcetera without bringing in

any revenues," he said.

However, Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said the tower is the greatest attraction, so urged the EOCG to consider a larger reduction, perhaps 40 or 50 per cent. Coun. Lisa Barry agreed. Coun. Julia Shortreed noted it was not a lot of money either way.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux wondered about shutting down the tower property completely during peak leaf season in 2021 to offset the need for OPP control and "pretty steep" billing.

However, Mayor Carol Moffatt said even with the property closed in 2020 "there was still a bit of a circus." She said the \$30,000 OPP bill can be anticipated again this year "because the message just doesn't seem to get out there."

Card said the OPP did lay trespassing charges last year as people were lining up and not showing much regard to barricades and signage.

Council decided to send the discount discussion back to the EOCG.

When a decision is made, it will be posted on the Tower website, there will be signage at the entrance, and gatehouse staff would explain the situation before taking people's funds, Card said.

Council also voted to resume taking registrations at the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails effective March 29. Card said they would still have to charge a \$10 per COVID-19 campsite cancellation, as they have associated costs.

Summer event cancellations

The Township of Algonquin Highlands emergency operations control group is cancelling Stanhope Heritage Day, Dorset Heritage Day and Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Canada Day celebrations for 2021.

"This decision is being made in consideration of the timelines required for the organizing of these events, which includes the dedication and commitment of the many volunteers associated with running them," a March 8 media release stated.

It added that the Dorset Arts, Crafts and Antiques Sale and Dorset Community Garage Sale will be assessed relative to the state of the pandemic.



Visitors flock to the Dorset Tower in pre-COVID times. File photo.

Algonquin Outfitters Road, Oxtongue Lake Road, Blue Spruce Road, Harris Road and Windy Point Road.

Nicholson said public works would prepare the roads with sweeping and spray patching and it was hoped the work could be done from the beginning of June to the start of September.

Road surface treatment

Council awarded the tender for 2021 surface treatments.

Interim operations manager, Brian Nicholson, said they did a joint tender with the County of Haliburton and received four bids. The winning bid was Miller Paving Limited for \$245,899.80 plus taxes. The township has budgeted \$265,235.

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

Student residence progressing

Dysart council is moving ahead with a memorandum of understanding for a new student residence for the Haliburton School of Arts + Design.

Council committee of the whole agreed March 9 to forward the MOU to council for approval, pending a favourable review from the municipal solicitor. The agreement would transfer a portion of Glebe Park to the college to build a student residence.

The MOU gives Fleming until March 1, 2031, to begin construction. But Mayor Andrea Roberts said that that is precautionary, and the college intends to move sooner than that.

"As soon as they can find those partners in the funding, they're ready to go. They're very anxious to start this right away," Roberts said. "Normal to have such a long date to ensure all their ducks are in a row."

New seniors home nearing completion

The Gardens of Haliburton seniors residence took its next step in approvals and expects to start admitting residents May 1.

Committee of the whole agreed to execute a drinking water responsibility agreement and a site plan amending agreement with the gardens as it finalizes building. The

move comes after the development went through an environmental assessment process, which identified no issues according to municipal staff. The water system will be a drilled well with treatment.

Gardens Retirement Development Inc. president Bill Mardimae thanked council for its support and said it is nearing completion.

"We're at the goalpost, so we're looking forward to it," he said.

Affordable housing gets support

Committee of the whole voted to recommend waiving several fees for a proposal to turn Lakeview Motel into affordable housing.

Places for People is proposing to buy the motel for the development. Councillors expressed concern Feb. 23 about the concept and the cost to the municipality.

However, the proposal came through the County-wide Affordable Housing Targets Program. It aims to create more housing across the County by guiding developers towards more incentives.

Roberts said Dysart had neglected to install policies when the program first came forward approximately one year ago.

"I take responsibility for that," Roberts said. "Our goal here at Dysart would be to have those policies in place to almost make it non-political."



Fleming College put forward its memorandum of understanding to acquire land for a new student residence in Haliburton. *File photo.*

Places for People is seeking more than \$9,300 in waived fees. It was previously reported there could be a \$32,900 cost to the municipality due to the equivalent rental unit (ERU) calculation, but CAO Tamara Wilbee clarified that is not a factor as the proposal will not require additional ERUs.

Coun. John Smith - who previously questioned the development given it would reduce tourist accommodations - asked whether the municipality could take a position and oppose it. But Roberts

shut that down and said it is not the municipality's place to do that.

Coun. Larry Clarke, who also questioned the proposal at the Feb. 23 meeting, said he was on board with it.

"Our service and retail workers are having a hard time to find a place to live," Clarke said. "Waiving the fees is directly supporting the economic wellbeing of our community." (*Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*).

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A pandemic year

As Haliburton County marks the one-year anniversary of this global pandemic, it seemed fitting to reflect on the year that was and ponder what the remainder of 2021 may hold.

In many ways, COVID-19 has highlighted the very best, and very worst, of the Highlands.

The best?

Living in a rural setting has insulated the County from the worst of this pandemic. It is astounding to think that we have had only one death that can somehow be attributed to it.

The fact there have been only 51 cases to date, three hospitalizations, and no new cases for about a month is something to be celebrated.

It may be due to our geographic isolation, versus the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. It might be attributable to people following public health guidelines. It could be just luck. Whatever the reason, we remain grateful.

Parts of our economy have flourished. We have seen the real estate and building industries take off. People have fled, and continue to flee, the GTA to buy or build locally. New builds and renovations have kept the tradespeople of the County busy and it's been reflected in the sales at some retail stores, particularly hardware. We've

also seen garden centres flourish.

We have also seen social service agencies - and the general public - respond to those most in need. Whether SIRCH and its frozen meals or food banks, the community has endeavoured to ensure no one goes hungry. There have been clothing drives, the 4Cs Lily Ann, the Thrift Warehouse and church-based organizations to make sure no one is without clothing. The YWCA Peterborough-Haliburton makes sure women and children at risk, who reach out, have shelter. And organizations such as Places for People and the KLH Housing Corporation continue to work towards affordable housing targets. On the mental health side of the ledger, agencies have stepped up to the plate.

While the economy has sustained some major hits - thanks to two lengthy lockdowns - the business community has been resilient. We have not seen many businesses close. They have somehow held on. Supports from upper levels of government have helped, including the millions of dollars the Haliburton County Development Corporation has been able to dish out.

The worst?

Probably the discord between full-time and seasonal residents. Fear can be ugly and divisive. The vitriol appears to have

died down. With spring here and cottagers to arrive again en masse from May, we would hope a peaceful co-existence can return.

One only has to peek at social media to see how the stress has caused some people to lash out. As a community, we have been less tolerant. We have been more judgmental. We have been selfish.

Looking to the remainder of 2021, we are now hearing that every one of us who wants should be vaccinated by June 20. It is hard to know how our summer will look. Already some major events have been cancelled for a second year. We anticipate an abnormal summer, though not as peculiar as the summer of 2020. The fall should bring a return to normalcy.

Much has been learned. The Highlands has shown itself to be a wonderful place to ride out a pandemic (Internet and cell challenges notwithstanding). We'll never take for granted our lakes, rocks, trees and wide-open spaces again. We'll heal and hopefully be a kinder and more gentle community as we close this remarkable chapter in all of our lives.



By Lisa Gervais

COVID CORNER

Ethical vaccinations

We are experiencing the largest vaccination campaign in human history.

Thanks to global collaboration of more than 1,500 agencies, we are witnessing an unprecedented choreographed-on-the-fly immunization program that has, in three months, administered 349,398,520 vaccines - as of March 9 - globally. The most rapid and complex vaccine rollout in history requires creative choreographers, in this case the World Health Organization (WHO), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (founded by Bill and Melinda Gates). Together, these powerful groups are leading COVAX, a global vaccine-sharing plan to ensure all countries have access to vaccinations.

Backed by the UN and supported on the ground by Unicef (a partner in delivery of the vaccines), COVAX is part of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, a ground-breaking global collaboration that is accelerating the development, production and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines. They plan to obtain and distribute two billion doses of vaccine by the end of 2021. That includes 1.3 billion to the developing regions that are eligible for support through the pooled resources available from COVAX (92 lower income economies are eligible).

Equitable access. Isn't it a warm feeling to know that everyone will have equal access to COVID-19 vaccines, regardless

of ability to pay? Not including COVID-19, vaccinating saves two to three million lives annually.

Within Canada, extensive ethical analyses have guided the phased rollout of COVID-19 vaccination. Who is most vulnerable to infection? Who is most at risk of contracting the virus? And of those, who is most likely to have complications, or die? Who can society not risk losing in this pandemic? Who, most reasonably, is able to wait a little longer to be immunized? It is no surprise that our most vulnerable, our long-term care residents, were first to receive their vaccines.

All of these difficult questions would not be necessary if there was an instant and abundant supply of vaccine, and a magical wand to distribute them. But resources are limited and strategic planning is unfolding in real time by people learning critical details (how to store, ship, unpack, prepare, how many vaccines are coming, from where, and to where) every hour of each new day.

In Ontario, the three-phase rollout is on target. Data as of March 8: 21,882 daily doses administered, 912,486 total doses so far, and 273,676 people fully vaccinated. In Canada, as of March 6, 565,719 people have received their second dose, 1,821,470 have received their first dose.

And as of March 8, globally, there have been 116,521,281 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 2,589,548 deaths reported.

But some people remain hesitant, despite the very positive track record of immunization.

Remember that COVID Corner article on Smallpox eradication? The only disease to have been successfully eradicated by vaccination. How have vaccines changed human history? The average number of smallpox deaths annually per million people between the years 1700 and 1797, when there were no vaccines, was 3,000. That annual average dropped to 417 between the years 1838 and 1853 when vaccination was optional, and dropped again to 214 between 1857 and 1866 when vaccination was compulsory. And then when vaccination was enforced, between the years 1889 and 1898, the number dropped to 10.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information reported the total number of health care workers infected with COVID-19 has tripled since July, 2020. By January 15, 2021, health care workers accounted for over 65,920 (less than nine per cent) of Canada's 695,707 confirmed cases. In Canada, as of February 27, 52.8 per cent of health care workers and 85.29 per cent of seniors living in group settings had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Now that sounds like ethical vaccination.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Focus on local environmental issues

Dear editor,

I would like to thank County Council, and especially Councillor Moffatt, for not blindly (that is, without any apparent financial plan being provided) caving into those wanting to increase the 15 per cent target for emission reduction levels by 2030.

I can only assume that those individuals identified in *The Highlander* article as supporting the increase of this target to as much as 45 per cent (Korey McKay, Terry Moore and Judy Phipps) are all owners of electric vehicles, heat their homes with solar or wind, and eschew such dirty products as cell phones and winter boots with plastic soles.

Mr. Moore's dismissing of Coun. Moffatt's request for information on the costs to taxpayers of this initiative by saying that "... financial budgets are not going to matter much when we don't have a climate that's conducive to civilization" speaks volumes.

In other words, let's spend extra hundreds of thousands (millions?) of taxpayers' dollars to reduce emissions in Haliburton County – where there is no air pollution problem that I'm aware of – because the budget will balance itself. Don't worry about the money.

Global CO₂ emissions are rising rapidly largely due to global polluters like China and India, not because Haliburton County vehicles are powered by gasoline and

operate in a rural area covered with CO₂-absorbing trees.

Let's spend more time and "energy" (pun intended) focusing instead in Haliburton on solutions for environmental issues which really are a problem and for which we can measure the impact of making change, such as how we manage the growing volumes of recyclable and organic waste in our landfills and transfer stations.

Even the 15 per cent target is just an unmeasurable virtue signalling reaction to a problem that doesn't exist in Haliburton.

*Dave Love
Haliburton Lake*

MPP votes against paid sick days

Dear editor,

Our MPP, the Hon. Laurie Scott (a native of Kimmount), recently voted with the Tory government to oppose paid sick days.

Ms. Scott, prior to being in government, was a Registered Nurse. As such, she would have enjoyed generous benefits, including paid sick leave. She was Minister of Labour in the Ford government 2018-2019, and is now Minister of Infrastructure.

I am sure her constituents – many of whom work at jobs with no benefits – would appreciate a full explanation from her as to why she voted to deny them paid sick days.

*Jane Taylor Eastwood
Algonquin Highlands*

HAVE AN OPINION?

Send your letters to
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Linda Coneybear sent in this photo of the rock cut on Highway 35 near Lutterworth.

ENVIRONMENT HALIBURTON!

A Good War: mobilizing Canada for the climate emergency

It's easy to feel powerless and overwhelmed in the face of a situation that requires sweeping systemic change. In *A Good War* however, author Seth Klein convincingly illustrates how the lessons learned fighting a war 80 years ago could be applied to the climate emergency.

A Good War delves into the political decisions and policy innovations implemented during the Second World War. Klein describes Canada's prewar years as the country emerged out of the Depression through to the end of the war. He examines how the nation confronted an existential threat, marshaled public opinion, addressed inequality and regional differences, remade the economy, mobilized labour and enacted bold leadership. What we did then he argues, we can do now. Invaluable to today's state of affairs, Klein includes the wisdom of Indigenous leaders, the role civil society could play and ways to avoid past mistakes.

With more than two decades of work on inequality and climate change for the

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Klein is uniquely placed to critique the action, or lack of action on both issues. He examines the political, economic and cultural barriers that have stalled transformative action on climate change. One of Klein's key insights is naming the new climate denialism.

"This new form of denialism sees our political leaders, the fossil fuel industry, as well as leading media outlets and pundits assure us that they understand and accept the scientific warnings about climate change, but then they promote and practice a politics and policy agenda that fails to align with what the scientific consensus says we must do."

Leaders proclaim a climate emergency and produce climate plans but then support projects that increase emissions. In 2019, the prime minister declared a climate emergency and the following day his cabinet approved the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline; a decision that undermines our ability to meet our emission

reduction targets.

Commissioning a poll to gauge public opinion, Klein discovered that Canadians want bold action on climate. Yet politicians proceed cautiously stating: "You have to meet the public where they are at, and then bring them along," precisely the opposite of what happened during the Second World War when the government took the public where it needed to go.

COVID-19 has demonstrated that when necessary, Canada's leaders and governments are capable of working together against a common threat.

"The pandemic response has reinforced the core point of this book, namely, that once emergencies are truly recognized, what seemed politically impossible and economically off-limits can be quickly embraced."

Like the pandemic, we are experiencing climate change in Haliburton County. Most of our vegetables come from California, a state ravaged by wildfires and drought attributable to climate change resulting in

increased food prices. More frequent algae blooms, the encroachment of ticks carrying Lyme disease, and potential forest loss due to infestations are serious local issues.

Klein brilliantly shows the parallels between prewar and present-day Canada. In the early 1940s, citizens demanded greater equality, economic opportunity and social programs in exchange for cooperation with the war mobilization. Present-day issues such as rising income inequality, the changing nature of work, and jobs for oil and gas workers are therefore addressed in Klein's blueprint.

Klein's just transition will result in a more sustainable and equal Canada. Like ordinary people during the Second World War, I am prepared to do what is necessary. This is an-all-hands-on-deck moment because fighting climate change is our collective moral responsibility. We must stop engaging in the new climate denialism and demand that our politicians embrace the climate emergency. (*Submitted by Judy Paul, Environment Haliburton!*)

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Spa faults pandemic for closure

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After more than 30 years in operation, the Touch of Class Day Spa became a casualty of the pandemic as it closed its doors for the final time March 5.

Owner Sharon Rowden cited the pandemic and a lack of government support for her decision to close her Haliburton business, which she has overseen the past nine years.

Rowden, who also works as a financial administrator with Haliburton Forest, said she could no longer afford to keep the spa going.

"With this type of business, there's not a lot of government assistance. I'm basically working on another full-time job to cover the expenses here for it to be closed. It's not business sensible to keep going," she said. "Even when you are open, because it is so limited, it's really hard to make money."

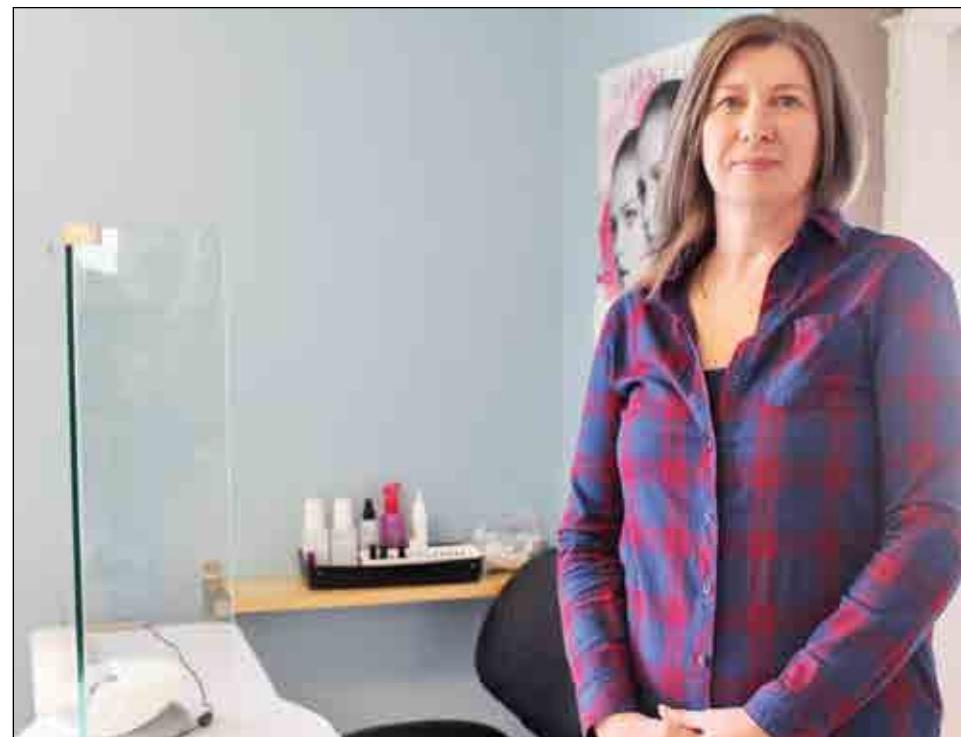
The spa worked on a commission basis, Rowden said, with its staff considered self-employed. She said it did not fit more typical stores or services targeted by support programs.

"It's highly disappointing how the government didn't help all kinds of business," Rowden said. "Should have done it better – because then I wouldn't be in this position."

According to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's annual economic report, only 21 per cent of provincial businesses expressed confidence in Ontario's economic outlook. Within the Muskoka-Kawartha region, 64 per cent of businesses reported shrinking in 2020.

Rowden said the spa was in good shape before COVID hit. Still, she reflected positively about taking over the spa nine years ago as a former customer.

"Up until COVID, it's been an amazing journey. We've met a lot of great people, made a lot of friends, helped a lot of people out who needed a pick-me-up or just some



Spa owner Sharon Rowden said the pandemic – and a lack of government support – prompted her to close her business permanently March 5. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

pampering," she said.

Neither the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce or the Haliburton BIA could identify any other local businesses that had closed permanently of late due to the pandemic. Statistics Canada has reported nationally, after massive business sector losses in the first three months of the pandemic lockdown - peaking at 113,730 in April 2020 - business openings have outpaced closures in the last five months with data available (July-November 2020).

Rowden also served on the BIA board, but can no longer with her business closing.

BIA administrator Angelica Ingram said Rowden was an outstanding volunteer for them.

"The BIA is always saddened to hear

of a downtown business closing its doors, especially in these circumstances. COVID has brought on a new set of challenges for our downtown businesses, and unfortunately, some will not be able to survive," Ingram said. "I was an avid supporter of Touch of Class and always enjoyed going there."

"It's up to the community to support our local businesses as much as possible to ensure their economic recovery during these challenging times," Ingram added.

Rowden expressed appreciation to the community and the send-off received as she bids the business farewell.

"The compliments from people, kind of what makes it a little easier," she said. "Thank everyone for all their years of dedication and support and love."

■ NEWS BRIEFS

YWCA bursaries

The YWCA Peterborough Haliburton education committee is now accepting applications for the 2021 Hazel Education Bursary.

The bursary is intended to help women who have experienced gender-based violence reach their goals through education or training.

The committee merged the two previous education awards to simplify the application process for women whether their dream is a course, a diploma, or a degree program, according to a March 8 media release.

Successful applicants in multi-year programs will be invited to submit a request letter for each additional year. The new application asks questions about the dreams women have as well as the obstacles to education they face and related determinants of health.

Bursaries of \$1,500 and \$2,500 are available to women who: have experienced barriers related to the impact of violence

and abuse; have a dream to strengthen their economic security; are a resident of Peterborough or Haliburton County and seek to further their formal or informal education, or develop skills.

Applications are due April 19. Go to ywcapeterborough.org/get-help/education/ or contact Yvonne Porter 705-743-3526 ext. 116 or yporter@ywcapeterborough.org.

New trans peer outreach program

The Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge has announced the addition of a new Trans Peer Outreach program.

It comes following the Feb. 26 end of the three-year Ontario Trillium Grow-Grant that supported the Gender Journeys Program, a recent press release said.

Beginning March 1, services are being

delivered in a newly-supported funding model through the Trans Peer Outreach program.

It will provide supports and services for transgender and gender diverse people, to assist them to improve the quality of their lives through the provision of community-based, client-centered care that supports positive interdependence, the CMHA/HKPR said.

"Services are delivered by people with lived experience as a transgender or gender-diverse person, and who also may have experience living with a mental health concern."

For information on the program, see cmhahkpr.ca/programs-services/trans-peer-outreach/ or cmhahkpr.ca/trans-sensitivity-training/, or contact Joaquin Santana and Carl Cruise-Baxter, by emailing transpeeroutreach@cmhahkpr.ca or contact Health Promoter, Kelley Curtis, at kcurtis@cmhahkpr.ca. (News briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

Highlander health

HEALTH NEWS

COVID restrictions eased

The province eased restrictions in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit March 8.

The district shifted from orange to yellow under the province's COVID-19 framework. Changes include lifting the 50-person capacity limit for restaurants and services such as spas that require mask removal can now resume.

HKPR acting medical officer of health, Dr. Ian Gemmill, said it is a nice reward for declining rates in the region. The district's seven-day case average has dipped from 19.1 per 100,000 residents Feb. 19 to 14.3 per 100,000 residents March 10.

"We've had a significant decrease in COVID-19 cases over the last two-week period, so that's great news to be rewarded," Gemmill said. "That said, I want to urge people not to let their guard down and continue taking COVID-19 precautions because the situation could quickly change."

Haliburton records first COVID death

The HKPR said the County's first COVID-19-related death occurred somewhere outside the municipality.

The death was reported in daily statistics

March 4. Corporate services manager, Chandra Tremblay, said the health unit could not provide many specifics beyond it being a County resident.

"The person had been hospitalized outside of the region for a non-COVID related issue and acquired COVID while in hospital," Tremblay said.

The report came at a time when Haliburton reportedly had no active cases. Tremblay said the person was included in the Feb. 10 case count but remained in hospital. The case was initially excluded from the hospitalization count due to a data error, only discovered after the death, Tremblay said.

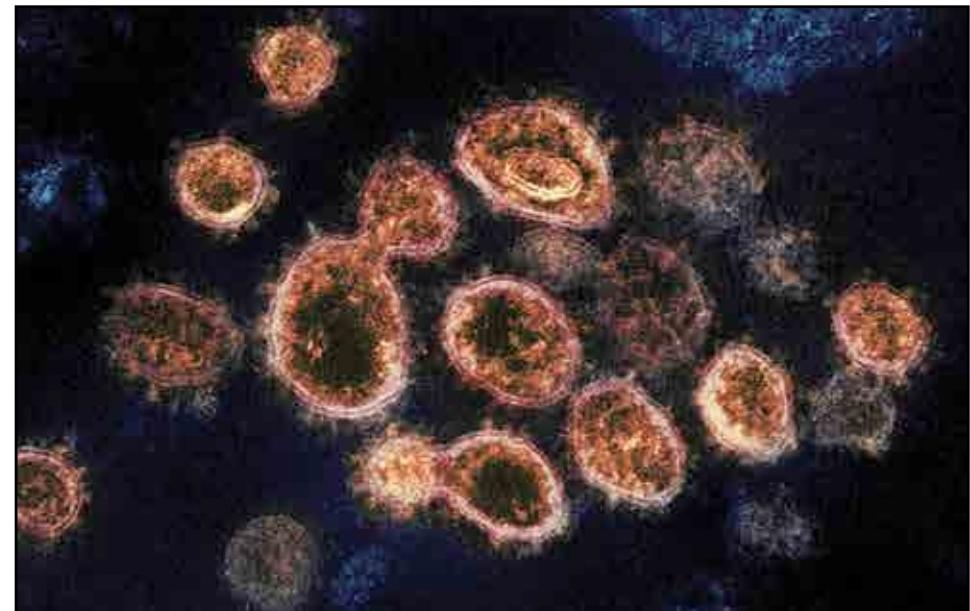
As of March 10, Haliburton has no confirmed active cases. The County has had 51 since the start of the pandemic, with the lone death and three hospitalizations.

Vaccine details rolling out

An online booking system for vaccinations is launching March 15 but there is still uncertainty about when the general public can access them.

The HKPR said March 10 a provincial system will go online Monday, but appointments will not yet be available as they are dependent on vaccine delivery dates. Appointment booking will include both online and call-in options.

Gemmill also disclosed some



Public health restrictions were eased across the district March 8. File photo.

immunization hub locations in the district. However, he said Haliburton County sites remain to be determined. Gemmill said they expect to do two locations per county.

"We're heading in the right direction," Gemmill said. "We're getting it done as fast as we can."

Long-term care homes, health care workers and first responders have received vaccinations. People 80 and older will be the first group in the general public vaccinated.

Health officials stressed there are not yet any vaccination clinics scheduled and no waitlists. But everyone getting vaccinated must complete a screening and consent form, which is available on hhfht.com and can be handed in at a vaccination appointment.

Gemmill said different places will be at different stages, but "everybody will be getting this vaccine in due course." (Health news compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter).

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Highlander people

Vote for Alex and his pickle soup

By Lisa Gervais

A well-known local chef is vying for the title of the world's Favorite Chef.

Alex McCracken, best known for his catering company, The In House Chef, is part of an online competition being hosted by celebrity chef, Eddie Matney. The competition is benefitting Feeding America, since it's U.S.-based.

The winner will receive \$50,000 and be featured in a two-page advertising spread in 'Bon Appetit' magazine.

Public voting will determine the winner, to be announced on April 8.

McCracken said he decided to enter the contest after it came up in one of his feeds on Facebook.

"And I thought, what the heck?"

Online voting is making the local Facebook rounds.

"I'm well-known around the County, I have many clients (past and present) and have created memorable weddings, reunions, birthdays, dinner parties, etc. for many local people," he said.

If he wins, he would like to begin production of his signature pickle soup. In addition, he said he would make a donation to local food banks.

McCracken has participated in, donated time and gift certificates and prizes to many local fundraisers in the County through Sir Sandford Fleming College and 'Feast of Foods' and other fundraisers to benefit local



Alex McCracken is vying to be the world's Favorite Chef. Photo submitted.

food banks and related causes.

Turning 51 this week, he has been a chef for 30 years.

He became certified as a chef in 1994 (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology). Prior to that he worked in hospitality and has always had a keen interest in cooking.

He said it was fostered by his grandmother who taught him how to bake.

Helen and Moss McCracken were well-known to the students of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School growing up as they ran the cafeteria kitchen.

The Lochlin resident started The In House

Chef in 2000. Prior to that, he worked in just about every resort and restaurant in the area, from the Wigamog, to Bonnieview, The Pinestone, Sir Sam's, Old Country House and Twin Lakes Resort.

To vote, go to favchef.com/2021/alex-mccracken

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Time to Change your Clocks and the Batteries in all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Clocks will spring forward one hour at 2 am on Sunday, March 14th and the Minden Hills Fire Department is recommending residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks. Don't forget to check the date on your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms they need to be replaced every 10 years.

Waste Reduction Tip

Buy second hand at thrift shops to customize a low-cost, one-of-a-kind wardrobe and give old clothes new life! Donate old clothes to local thrift shops, or drop in the Diabetes Canada bin located at the Scotch Line landfill.

Notice: Public Meeting Draft 2021 Budget

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021 during its Committee of the Whole Meeting via web conference regarding the **Draft 2021 Budget**. Please visit www.mindenhills.ca for information on how to **participate or access** the livestream link to the Public Meeting.

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Request for Tender

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Steel Landfill Cover Plates

The Township is seeking qualified bidders to manufacture and deliver steel plates to be used as an alternative to sand cover at the Scotch Line Landfill. The deadline for submissions is March 18, 2021 by 12:00 noon. Please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca/tenders for more information.

Important Tax Information

The 2021 Interim tax bills were mailed on February 26, 2021. If you have not received your bill(s) **prior to** the March due date, please contact our office.

The Interim tax bill will be payable in two installments; March 19th and May 21st, 2021. This bill has been calculated using the 2020 annualized assessment multiplied by 50% of the 2020 applicable tax rate(s).

Payments received after February 15th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March. Please contact our office for a current balance.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

Landfill Access Passes

Landfill Access Passes for Minden Hills residents will be distributed in the Spring Interim Tax Bill.

Please ensure you open your bill and save your Landfill Access Pass.

If you have already received your tax bill, please watch for a second mailing containing your access cards.

(Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

March 11 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 11 – Public Meeting Draft 2021 Budget
March 25 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process.

Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

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Top left: Team blue player Ethan Rowe drives a shot on goal. Top right: Jace Mills handles the puck behind the net. Bottom left: Jacob Mantle and Austin Latanville collide in the neutral zone. Bottom right: Goalie John Austin bats a puck away from the front of the net. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

High-scoring affair results in 10-10 draw

In an U-13 clash between Team Blue and Team Red, both squads came to compete and battled to the last second of the game.

It was evident that the players had missed their time on the ice as they were determined to make a March 6 afternoon game worth watching.

Team Red was aggressive and played a strong offensive game, leaving Team Blue no choice but to play

forcefully in order to compete.

Team Red came on strong in the first period with a three-goal lead.

Ethan Rowe scored the first two goals and set up his teammates to close the gap of only a one-goal lead, 4-3 score, for the Red Team.

Brody Hartwig scored to tie the game.

Team Blue's strong skating skills allowed four penalty

shot opportunities. With two back-to back-penalty shots, Vanek Logan scored the next two goals giving Blue a 6-4 lead.

Braxton Cooper maintained strong backchecking throughout the game stopping many scoring opportunities for the other team. Both teams battled hard with the end of the game resulting in a high scoring 10-10 tie game. (*Submitted*)



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U-13 BLUE STARS OF THE WEEK



#1 ETHAN ROWE

Ethan is a very strong offensive player for our team. He reads plays and shows a strong sense of positioning. His stick is always on the ice waiting for the pass and he is able to look and determine his positioning for each play. Ethan carried the puck end-to-end multiple times weaving in and around the players of the opposing team. He showed great stickhandling skills and accuracy in his shooting. Every opportunity he gets he takes the shot. His hard work paid off and allowed him to score a hat trick for the team as well as being the first scoring player for our team in the game.



#2 BRODY HARTWIG

Brody had an aggressive start, being the first player to force the play on the ice. He played offensively and defensively, backchecking and forechecking throughout both periods. He maintained an aggressive stamina never giving up. Brody carried the puck well and knew when to move it allowing his teammates to get open and score. Brody himself scored the fourth goal of the game tying it up and making the goal a game-changer for his teammates. His forceful plays and aggression encourage his line to battle with him creating a higher pace game.



#3 MAX LITTLE

Max is normally a well-balanced defensive player and he brought some offensive skills. Ethan Rowe was on a breakaway taking a shot and Max stepped in for the rebound and scored. Max got his first goal of the season but wasn't settling for that. He scored two goals this game.



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March 19, 7:30 p.m. Virtual presentation by EH!: an analysis of the Federal Climate Action Plan by Terry Moore and David Robertson. Go to environmentaliburton.org to register.

March 21, 10 a.m. live on Zoom. Join experts from Speaking of Wildlife for a 30-minute virtual presentation. It will feature three native Ontario wildlife ambassador animals and an interpreter who will introduce each individual animal and chat about their species, adaptations, and habitat. Pre-registration is required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700. Admission by donation.

March 30, 7:30 p.m. Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's (LKO) Love Your Lake spring Zoom webinar series. The first webinar is: Haliburton County's Proposed Shoreline Preservation Bylaw with speaker, Terry Moore, vice-president of Environment Haliburton! For more information and to register: lko.ca

HCPLatHome Community Cookbook Have you been filling your time cooking or baking during the COVID-19 lockdowns?

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Ongoing - ladies toning class, weekly on Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. Offered online by the Township of Algonquin Highlands. By donation. Contact the Dorset Recreation Centre, 705-766-9968.

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Online Zumba (Zoom) with certified instructor, Joanne MacLeod. Open to all genders and experience levels. 18-plus. Offered by the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Drop-in programs are by donation. For more information and to give a donation, call the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Weekdays at 4 p.m. - Haliburton County Public Library has a new story studio for grownups. Every weekday at 4 p.m. [started Feb. 8]. See their Facebook Live or YouTube. Listen to a chapter at a time of The Blue Castle by L.M. Montgomery of Anne of Green Gables fame (including a quick review in case you missed the previous chapter). After that, the book is No Love Lost, a mystery by L. Allingham.

Saturdays - Online story time, a spot for families to gather and enjoy story time together. Every Saturday at 10:10 a.m. on Facebook Live and YouTube.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. - Maker Breakers on Facebook Live and YouTube

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Fridays

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Ashley McAllister. Photo submitted.

The Interview: Ashley McAllister

Lisa Gervais caught up with Ashley McAllister, the new director of operations and strategic initiatives at Abbey Gardens.

Q: Tell us a bit about yourself?

A: I grew up in Haliburton, went to JDH and HHSS. My mom started a video rental store called Press Play to teach my brother and I job skills when we were in high school and I wrote a very embarrassing movie review column for the local paper called the Flick Chick.

After university, I moved back to Haliburton, bought a house on the same lake I grew up on, about four years ago. I volunteer for a few different events, including Hike Haliburton and Fashion Fallies and I'm on the committee for our local Rotaract club and the Highland Yard.

Q: What have you been doing prior to this position?

A: I was the national manager for a non-profit organization called Lawn Summer Nights for seven years. LSN was a lawn bowling tournament targeted toward young professionals. During my time there, we raised more than \$4.5 million through peer-to-peer fundraising events for Cystic Fibrosis Canada.

Q: How do you feel about getting the AG job?

A: I'm excited. I love Haliburton, and moving home meant that I was able to reconnect with a lot of people. But since I was working remotely for an organization that wasn't based here, it felt like I was "in" the community without actually being a part of it, especially since my job meant I travelled a lot in the summer when Haliburton really shines. Being able to bring my experience with fundraising,

special events, and non-profit work to Abbey Gardens has given me the opportunity to actively engage with the community, particularly during a time where the region is seeing a lot of new growth and change.

Q: Clearly at AG, it's not just a job there is a philosophy there - what can you tell me about how your ideals are in sync with the vision there.

A: Everything Abbey Gardens does is rooted in sustainability and a desire to serve the community. The local food initiatives, educational programming, and business partners on site contribute to the economic development of Haliburton County.

Abbey Gardens is meeting a need to provide activities, jobs, and of course, locally grown food that stays in our community.

The work I've done with Rotaract on projects like the Basic Needs Bags or the work we do at Highland Yard for Places for People is also rooted in that same goal, to support every member of our community in as many ways as we can. It feels like a good fit.

Q: A lot has been done to date, what other plans are there in the works?

A: I'm very fortunate that Heather (Reid) has left such a strong foundation for me. There's a solid team that are truly excellent at what they do, and so the things that make Abbey Gardens so special, like the garden, Food Hub, and educational programming will continue to grow, under their expertise, as the needs of the community do.

My goal is to build on that foundation and focus on new initiatives that can increase our fundraising reach and allow us to create more diverse opportunities for visitors to interact with the site. Abbey Gardens is such a fascinating destination, and there's a lot of excitement around the things we're doing with our existing audience. Extending that reach so that more people can come in and experience the Food Hub, tour the gardens, meet the heritage animals, walk the trails - that's going to remain the core objective of our development plans.

Q: What do you bring to the organization?

A: I feel very lucky that I have the perspective of a local, someone who grew up here and worked in the community as a teenager, coupled with my professional experience, working for a non-profit with a national reach in partnership with a large, well-known charity. It allows me to take what I've learned growing an organization to a multimillion-dollar donor base and apply it to an organization that serves my community.

My family is here, my friends are here, and living here myself I know what the gaps are in the County and what needs we need to meet as a community to help us all flourish. I'm grateful that I get to bring my ideas for how we can better leverage the passionate volunteer and donor base we have here in Haliburton to help us address those things.

Highlander outdoors

Hatchery reels in support from businesses

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) faced challenging circumstances at the end of last year getting the equipment for its fish hatchery operational.

The non-profit's first pump failed Oct. 12 and they had to use a provincial grant and a donation from the Haliburton Highlands Resource Centre to do emergency repairs. But in the process of doing that, the HHOA discovered its second well had gone nearly dry, requiring another fix.

With funds stretched by the pandemic, the HHOA could not easily afford it – president Dan Smith said they were prepared to get a bank loan. But several businesses came to the association's aid with in-kind donations to get a well and pump installed free of charge – an approximate \$21,995 value, according to Smith.

"It's fantastic," he said. "The way all the stakeholders involved with this, the way they chipped in and co-operated with each other and us at the hatchery."

The donations began when Smith approached Haliburton Artesian Well Drillers about the situation. The company agreed to drill a new well to address water flow issues – free of charge. They did so Dec. 22.

"They were in need," owner Jacob Woodward said of why he wanted to support. "The other thing is, it's a pretty



The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association appreciates businesses that donated more than \$20,000 towards a well and pump replacement. *File*.

awesome service that they provide for the community."

Other businesses followed suit. Kyle Smith Aardvark Drilling subsequently helped get suppliers to donate. Wellmaster Pipe and Supply Inc and Rideau Supply donated materials. Finally, The Pump Shop agreed to provide the excavation work and power supply to connect the new well to the hatchery.

Sunbelt Rentals donated an excavator to

use for the project. The businesses finished the project Jan. 14.

"It was pretty impressive," Woodward said, adding it was the first time he had been involved in an initiative like this. "We all worked really well together."

Smith said it made a big difference to the HHOA's financial picture, especially given the pandemic.

"Our fundraising operations have really been cut back," Smith said. "We are sitting

in shape today, so we can pay all our bills."

Smith said the project was vital to ensure enough water flow in the hatchery and have enough capacity to add more tanks as its fish population grows.

He said he was touched by the generosity of local businesses.

"This is something we've seen from this community," Smith said. "Everybody pulls together when it's needed."

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Marilyn Selbie (nee Leonard)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully on Friday evening, February 19, 2021 in her 74th year. Beloved wife and best friend of Raymond Selbie and the late Jack Bartlett. Loving mother of Michael (Lori), Jamie, Daniel (Bunny) and Matthew (Rachel). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Quinn, Victoria, Olivia, Sienna, Annabella and Shania. Sister of Bev, Janice and Barbara. Marilyn was an Accountant for many years with Maclean Hunter Publishing Limited. She enjoyed knitting, working in her gardens and most of all spending time with her family.

Visitation & Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will take place at later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the

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Lynn Huffman (nee Downey)

(Resident of Wilberforce Ontario)

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Beverly Lynn Huffman (nee Downey). Lynn passed peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday morning, March 5, 2020 in her 62nd year. Beloved wife and best friend of Rick Huffman for over 44 years. Loving mother of Paul, Rick and Jeremy (Amanda). Fondly

remembered by her granddaughter Hannah. Dear sister of Dorothy (Jim) and Margaret. Predeceased by her sisters Norma, Cindy and brother Leonard. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and by her daughter-in-law Sherry. When Lynn's boys were teenagers, she returned to school and got her GED and then went on to Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough to get a Diploma in Parks and Recreation Leadership. Later after getting a job with Community Living - Haliburton she went back to Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough and received her Personal Support Worker's Diploma. Lynn loved fixing her family's tablets and computers. She was an avid reader. May she rest in peace and her memory bring you peace.

Private Family Service

A Private Family Service will take place later. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.  www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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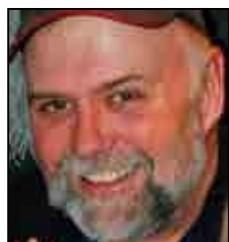
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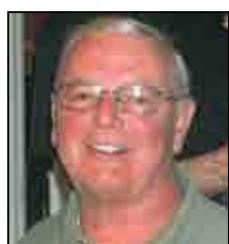
(Well known as the proprietor of the Minden Cone and the Big Dog Hot Dog Stand)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at the age of 57.

Beloved husband of Lisa Post. Dear son of Harold and the late Marina, dear brother of Dianne, Steven, Carol and Shelly. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Celebration of Paul's Life will take place at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or the Haliburton 4 C's (payable by cheque) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



*In Loving Memory of
Wesley David Lowell*

"Your wings were ready our hearts were not"

(Retired Manager of Metrology at General Motors, Oshawa)

Passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Monday, March 1, 2021. At the age of 76.

Beloved husband to Arlene for 50 years. Dear father of Julie (Craig), Amy (Shayne), and Jim (Krista). Loving grampa to Raven, Hunter, Jack, Carley and Trenton. Predeceased by his parents Vera and Clifford Lowell, brothers Gary, John and by sister Linda. Survived by his brother Dale. Dear brother-in-law to Eric and Dawne Recalla. Loving uncle to Trevor and Scott (Hailey). Wes will be greatly missed by his many friends.

A celebration of Wes' life will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



*In Loving Memory of
William "Bill" B.
Prentice*

Born on February 9th, 1929 – Died March 6th, 2021 at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden surrounded by his loving family and the caring, compassionate staff at Hyland Crest.

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Cherished husband of the late Lenore Wilda Prentice (nee Trumbull) for 69 years. Dear father (and father-in-law) of Bonnie-Lee Berry (Stephen), Paul Prentice (Patti), Bev Kinsman (Rick), and Tammy McKelvey (Shayne). Loving grandpa to nine precious grandchildren: Cameron Berry (Joanne), Tanya Boisvert (Mike), Jessica Higgins (Joshua), Simon Milestone (Kim), Brittany Miethner (Erik), Rich Kinsman (Kim), Andy Kinsman (Tiffany), Chelsea Cosh (Dylan), Justin McKelvey (Brooke), great grandpa to 19 cherished great grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents Morgan and Lola Prentice and by his brother John Lee "Jack" Prentice. Bill was a deeply loved husband, father, grandpa, great grandpa, special uncle and dear friend to so many people in his community. Family and friends were his life's work.

A Private Family Visitation and Funeral Service to celebrate Bill's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery.

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For my part, I am blessed to have been caressed by Marilyn's love and support over the past 20 years and my only regret is that our marriage could not go on longer, as she made my life joyful and fulfilled.

Last of all I wish to thank our Good God who gave her a fighting spirit and a peaceful passing with very little pain, and I am sure that she is now enjoying the reward that is promised to all of us if only we seek it.

- Ray Selbie



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Notice: Fees and Charges

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice.

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending its Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2020-104 at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

The proposed amendment will include refund provisions for the Haliburton Highlands Water Trail bookings related to COVID-19 provincial lockdowns.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Regular Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated: March 10th, 2021

Dawn Newhook
Municipal Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
T: 705-489-2379 Ext. 333
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And further notice that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to 2637795 Ontario Ltd. (Highland Design);

And further notice that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 17th day of March, 2021.

And further take notice that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting on the 23rd day of March, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Dated at Haliburton and published this 10th day of March, 2021.

Mallory Bishop, Clerk | 705-457-1740 x631 | mbishop@dysartetal.ca

Schedule "A" Part 20, Plan 19R-4878, Part of Lot 11, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Dysart

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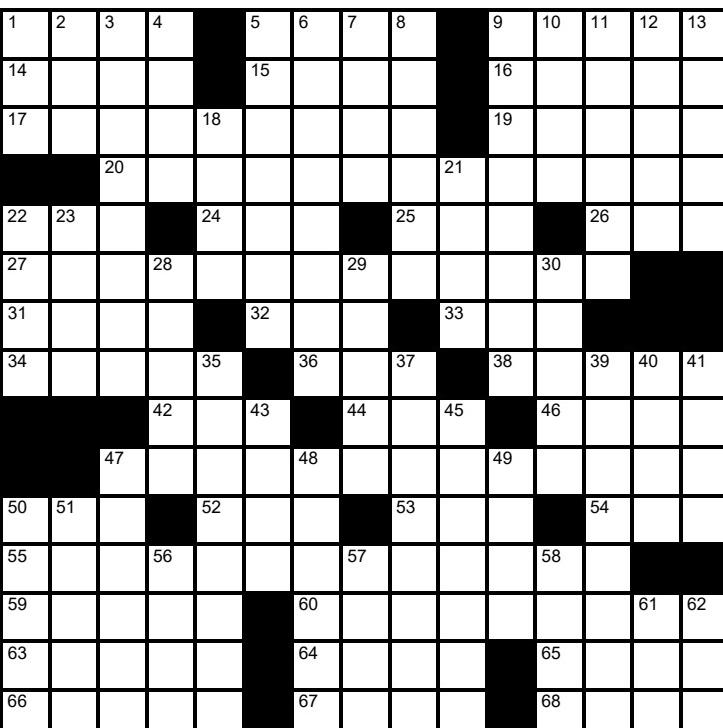
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Measuring Up on the Job

by Barbara Olson
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Across

- 1 Bartlett alternative
- 5 "Hey, that's not ___ idea!"
- 9 Keats's feet?
- 14 Scot's swimming spot
- 15 U2 front man
- 16 Spiral-horned antelope
- 17 Middle-of-the-road, to a hotel reviewer
- 19 Sans___ (plain font)
- 20 Work-related quip, part 1
- 22 On the ___ (fleeing)
- 24 90° pipe turn
- 25 Wonderland party drink
- 26 Photo ___ (media events)
- 27 The quip, part 2
- 31 Greek war god
- 32 That, to a señorita
- 33 Longtime hockey announcer Cole
- 34 Foot bones
- 36 U.S. army field rations
- 38 Pony tail places
- 42 Env. add-in
- 44 Pink-slip
- 46 Not quite canter
- 47 The quip, part 3
- 50 Barley bristle
- 52 Gloater's cry
- 53 Capital of Canada?
- 54 Deflating sound
- 55 End of the quip
- 59 "What am I, chopped ___?"
- 60 Ability to keep, as a memory
- 63 So hot you could fry ___ on the sidewalk
- 64 Cattle calls
- 65 K-12, for short
- 66 Twilled suit fabric
- 67 Lith. and Lat., once
- 68 Part of G.P.S.: Abbr.



Down

- 1 Diner sandwich letters
- 2 "Aah" preceder, maybe
- 3 Penny pincher
- 4 "Hell's Kitchen" competitor
- 5 Let off the hook
- 6 Food poisoning
- 7 Tops for pots, say: Abbr.
- 8 Taco chip giant
- 9 Currently ripe
- 10 Sailor's thumbs-ups
- 11 Strand on an island, say
- 12 Opposite of a string bean
- 13 Good calls, to base runners
- 18 One who checks out, in a way
- 21 Action word
- 22 You pass it on the way to the bar?
- 23 Special "je ne sais quoi"
- 28 German industrial centre
- 29 Singer McLachlan or Slean
- 30 Take ___ (get ripped off)
- 35 Calling the shots
- 37 Legal processor of a will
- 39 In an overly dainty way
- 40 Forever and a day
- 41 Bay St. buys: Abbr.
- 43 Burn black
- 45 Like worms and smooth potatoes
- 47 "How dare you!"
- 48 Units of heat
- 49 First time driver, often
- 50 Where the world is flat?
- 51 Be a bellyacher
- 56 Vault cracker
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- 61 Understanding words
- 62 What a picky person picks

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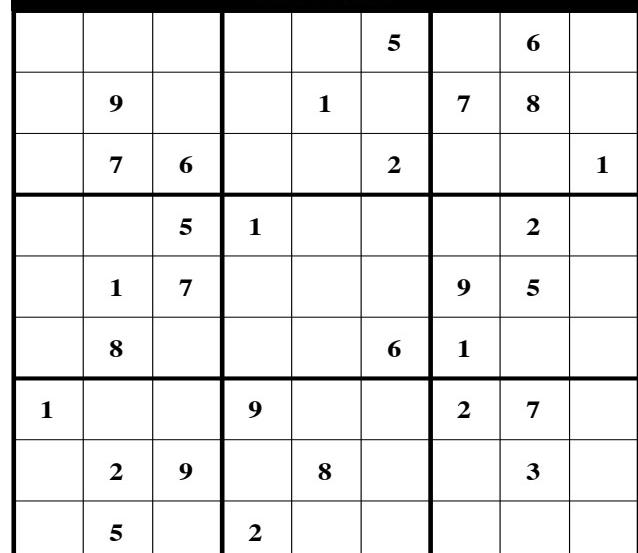
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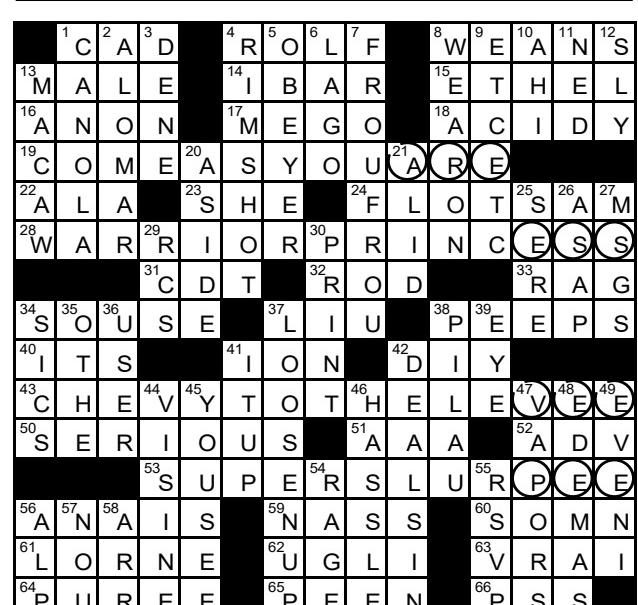
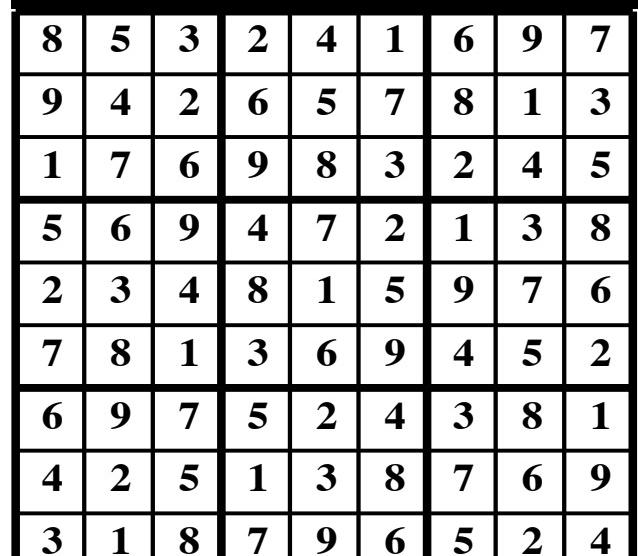


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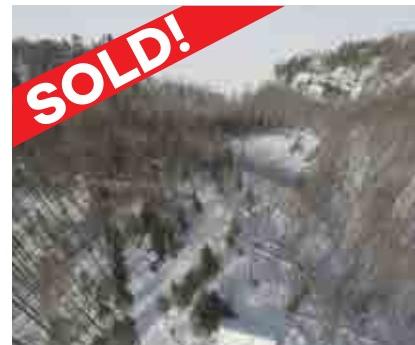
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